

# State of South Dakota

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## HOUSE BILL NO. 1178

Introduced by: Representatives Gleason, Brown (Jarvis), Cerny, Davis, Fischer-Clemens, Hagen, Jaspers, Konold, Lockner, Moore, Pederson (Gordon), Schaunaman, Sperry, Waltman, and Weber and Senators Symens, Dennert, Hutmacher, Kloucek, Lawler, Olson, and Reedy

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to allow the use of absentee voting in certain township  
2 elections.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That chapter 8-3 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as  
5 follows:

6 Any voter qualified to vote in a township election may vote by absentee ballot in the  
7 township election for the offices of township supervisor, township clerk, township treasurer, and  
8 township constable, if a constable is to be elected. The absentee vote may be cast on a printed  
9 ballot prepared by the township or on a printed or written ballot prepared by the voter. The  
10 absentee ballot shall bear the voter's signature and date of signing, shall specify the name and  
11 address of the voter, and, for each office or position, shall specify the name of the person  
12 receiving the vote for the corresponding office or position. To be eligible to receive a vote by  
13 virtue of an absentee ballot, the candidate for office shall have filed with the clerk a nominating  
14 petition in compliance with § 8-3-1.2. To be eligible for consideration in the election, each

- 1 absentee ballot shall be notarized and shall be received in the office of the township clerk by 5
- 2 p.m. on the Monday immediately preceding the election.